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Minutes

Board of Building Regulations and Standards Chapter 34 (C34AC) Advisory Committee ARUP, 955 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139 October 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

1. MD called the meeting to order (9:10) and then Roll Call was taken:

Mike DiMascio Chair (MD)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
David Horton (DH)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mike Grover (MG)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Lee Cleveland (LC)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Jacob Nunnemacher (JN)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mike Guigli (MSG) for Rob Anderson	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dana Haagensen (DRH)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
A. Vernon Woodworth (AVW)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Doug Anderson (DA)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Kevin Hastings (KH)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

General note on format: votes are noted as (Motion by, Second by, All) if the vote is unanimous followed by the time.

2. MSG provided some background of the 'draft' MA amendments to Chapter 34 found in the 9th edition of the building code which included direction by the BBRs for DPS Staff to reach out to technical experts, building officials, and stakeholders for guidance and direction as necessary to create a draft version of the amendments. The discussion then moved to the process and timing for producing the 9th edition of the building code. It was noted that in keeping with the timeline for promulgating this new edition the BBRs is seeking a solid draft for consideration and vote in the November 2014 time frame.
3. The format of the 9th edition was discussed and the C34AC was surveyed for feedback on which method, 'imbedded' or 'front end', of amending the *International Building Code 2015* (IBC) was preferred. Unlike the Structural Advisory Committee (SAC), which voted for the 'front end' option there was not a consensus either way with C34AC. KH noted that an 'official version' using the traditional front end amendment format could be issued by the Secretary of State, which could be done first and an imbedded version issued later. This process would allow the BBRs to more easily hit the timeline with an effective date of 3rd quarter 2015.
4. Proposed amendments of several chapters of 780 CMR 9th edition were reviewed including clarification of the definitions for lodging houses and nightclubs. C34AC reviewed proposed amendments to the *International Existing Building Code 2015* (IEBC) and it was noted that the 8th edition amendments for house museums and historic

buildings were deleted; house museums because change of occupancy projects of this sort are rare and historic buildings because the MA amendments were problematic based on feedback from stakeholders. MG raised the topic of 'work area' and noted that this definition and the way it is being interpreted by owners and registered design professionals, is in conflict with his view. C34AC discussed the BBRS official interpretation on 'work area' that was issued earlier this year. After much discussion a motion for MG and DA provide to C34AC additional Q&A to the official interpretation or to edit the Q&A already contained in it was approved. (MSG, KH, Approved) JN and DH↓10:57 MSG took an action to provide to C34AC members, for personal use only, the 2015 I-Codes for their use for committee business in development of the 9th edition and to provide a further revision of the draft amendments to Chapter 34 of the 9th edition. MD directed all members to review the proposed amendments, and if necessary add or edit the file and to have this review complete in time for the next meeting on October 16, 2015. Also MD raised a concern on the restrictive nature of the structural analysis provision of the Performance Method and MSG took an action to forward this section to SAC for review.

5. MD opened the discussion on the white paper on the cost and effectiveness of fire protection systems in 3 to 6 unit residential buildings and he provided C34AC with the BBRS direction on the review intent. After some discussion and Q&A, MD directed members to review the document and edit as they see appropriate and to have this review complete in time for the next meeting on October 16, 2015. MSG took an action to email the May 2014 version of the white paper to C34AC.
6. There was no other business discussed.
7. A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved. (DA, DH, All) MG was absent for this vote. 11:34 a.m.